



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS, ground level ozone continues to be the State's most pervasive air quality problem, causing lung damage and premature death, and, even in relatively low amounts, causing chest pain, coughing, and other respiratory problems; and**

**WHEREAS, fine particle pollution is a serious health concern in certain areas of New Jersey since it is associated with aggravated asthma, chronic bronchitis, decreased lung function and premature death; and**

**WHEREAS, the entire State of New Jersey has been designated as not attaining the new 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) and 13 of the State's 21 counties have been designated as not attaining the current fine particulate matter NAAQS; and**

**WHEREAS, the federal government, in recognition of the serious health and welfare issues associated with these pollutants, has declared the week of May 15, 2006 as National Air Quality Awareness Week; and**

**WHEREAS, New Jersey supports any effort made to educate the public about these pollutants and how they can be reduced to make New Jersey a safer, healthier place to live, work and play;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim**

**MAY 15 THROUGH 19, 2006**

**AS**

## **AIR QUALITY AWARENESS WEEK**

**in New Jersey, and urge all residents to learn about the health threats associated with ozone and fine particle pollution, take steps to reduce their contribution to the formation of ozone and fine particle pollution and take precautions to protect themselves and their families from exposure to unhealthy levels of ozone and fine particle pollution this year.**

**GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this fourth day of May in the year two thousand six and of the Independence of the United States, the two hundred and thirtieth.**

GOVERNOR



BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE:

NINA MITCHELL WELLS  
SECRETARY OF STATE